



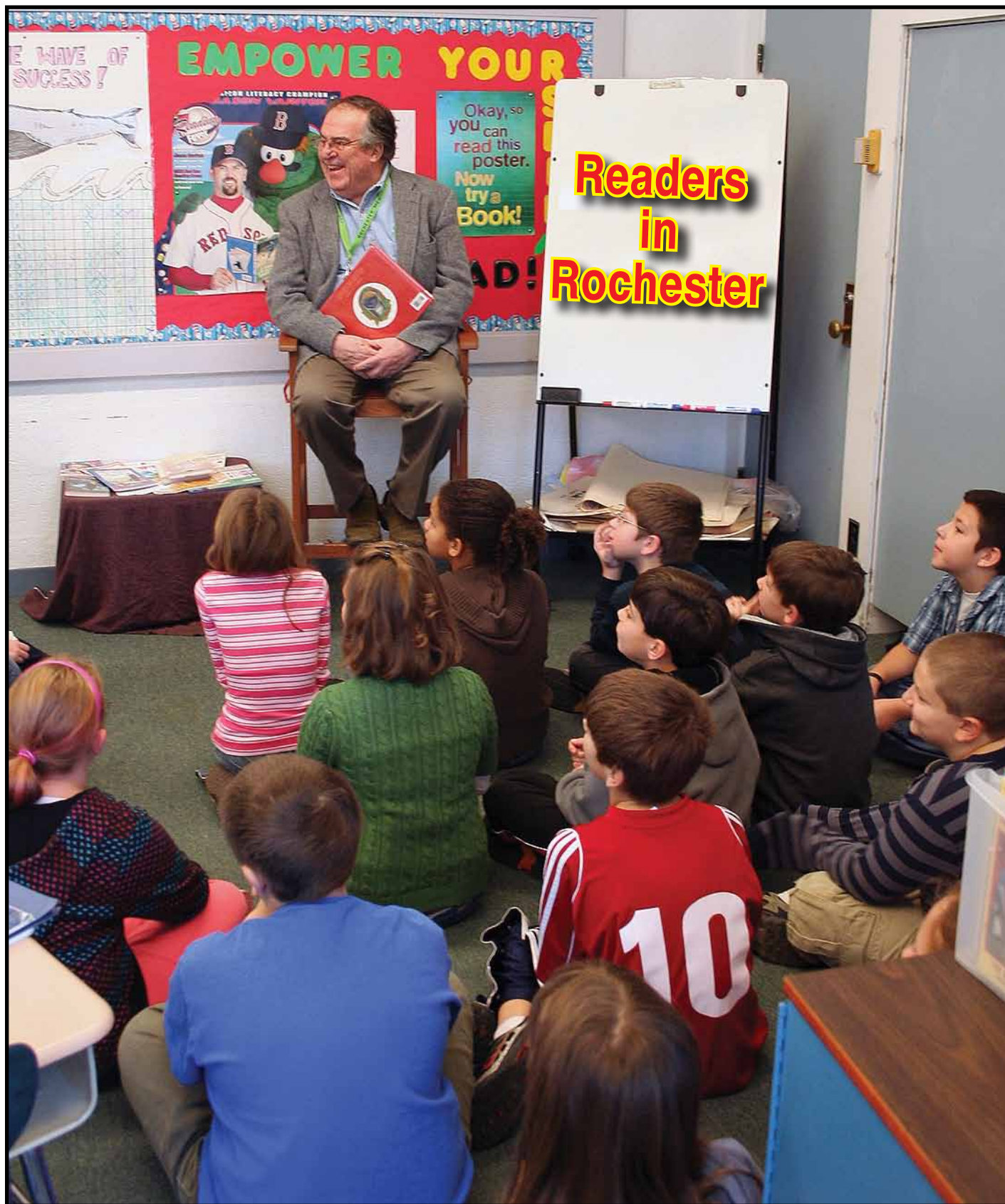
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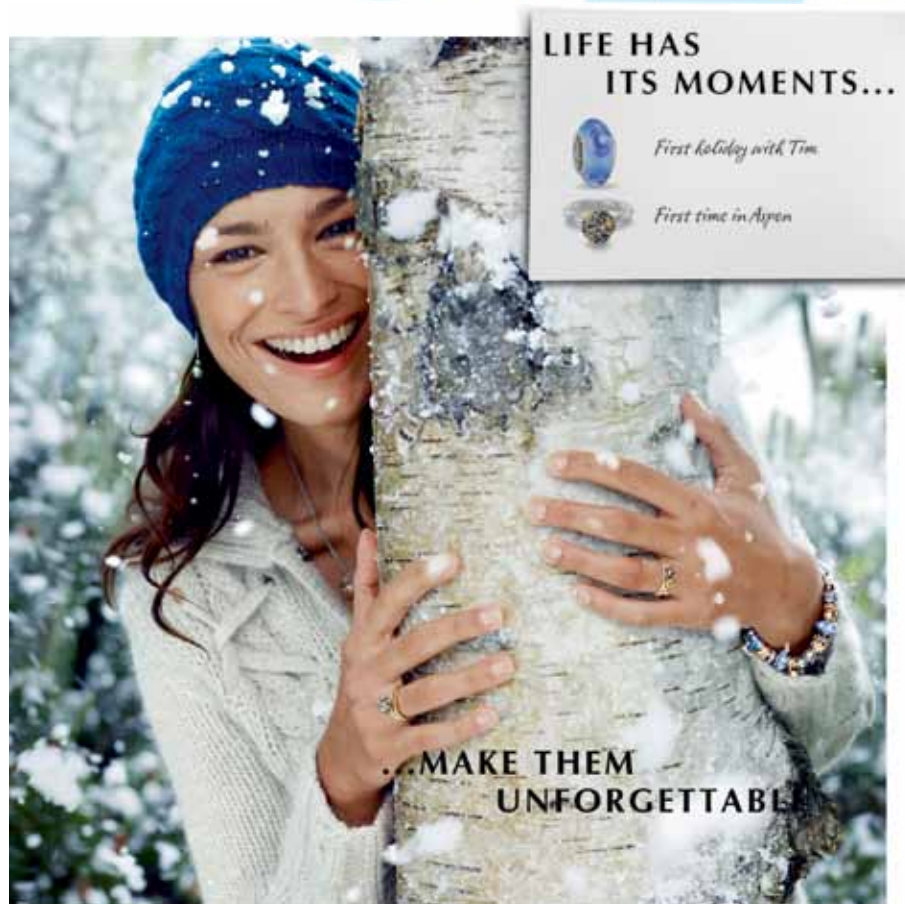
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"Reading is Fundamental"

Guest Readers at Rochester Memorial School

By Robert Chiarito

Schools throughout the South Coast region and the state as a whole welcomed an army of very special

guests over this past week as they participated in the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) guest reader program during the period from November 17 through November 21. As part of a larger effort, volunteers from every walk of life made their way to the Rochester Memorial School on Wednesday, November 19 to give a little of their time back to the community's future by spending an hour or so in a classroom reading stories and answering questions from the students.



After the school's principal, Jay Ryan, made the morning announcements and the pledge of allegiance was recited, the volunteers were guided to the classrooms for which they had been chosen to read. Some of the readers had requested certain classes, while others let the school's



Above: A group of student volunteers from Old Rochester Regional Junior High School once again served an early Thanksgiving dinner, replete with turkey and all the fixings, on Sunday, November 23 to senior citizens of Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester. The annual Tri-Town Seniors Thanksgiving pre-holiday event was held inside the ORR Cafeteria and featured a fine meal, raffle and door prizes, and a chance to enjoy the fellowship of young and old alike. (Photo by Robert Chiarito).

Above: Mattapoisett dancers Corvina Silva (kneeling) as Chinese Tea; Kathryn Stellato (standing) as a flower; Kathryn Sebastiao, as a flute; Emily Bungert, as Spanish Chocolate; and Sofia Gabriel, as Russian Trepak, will all be featured in the New Bedford Youth Ballet's production of The Mini-Nutcracker, to be staged in the Alves Theater of the New Bedford Ballet. The production will be performed on Saturday, December 6 at 6:30 and 8:00 pm; Sunday, December 7 at 1:30 and 3:00 pm; Friday, December 12 at 6:30 and 8:00 pm; Saturday, December 13 at 1:30 and 3:00 pm; and Sunday, December 14 at 1:30 and 3:00 pm. Ticket are \$10 adults and \$5 for seniors, students and children.

On the cover: Rochester Selectman Dan McGaffey reads to students in Mr. Davignon's fourth grade class at Memorial School during last week's "Reading is Fundamental" guest reader program. Mr. McGaffey also took the opportunity to give the class a quick civics lesson and explained the differences between the town and city forms of government within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. (Photo by Robert Chiarito).

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staff place them. Either way the students were excited to have a visitor as they were on their best behavior showing both the gratitude and respect to their honored guests.

In Ms. Hemenway's room, Gail Roberts of the Plumb Memorial Library could be found reading from the book *Piggins* while Bev Pierce of the Bev Loves Books book store read from the *Age of Experiment*, the first children's book from author James Patterson in Ms. Keane's classroom.

Before he could begin reading *The Little Red Hen* to Mr. Davignon's fourth grade class, Rochester Selectman Dan McGaffey was asked by the instructor to give a bit of a civics lesson. Selectman McGaffey explained how Town Government worked and the differences between having a mayor and having a Board of Selectmen. "In our town we have Selectmen who are like the a Town Council and the Mayor's office all rolled into one body," he said. "We are elected to make decisions for the town and we have a Town Administrator who runs the town from day to day."

On the other side of the school students in Ms. Kleiman's sixth grade class were grilling State Representative William Straus on the intricacies of state government. The students' attentiveness and wide-eyed responses to questions were a reminder that while respect for government may be at a low in this time of crisis, positions of authority are a source of pride to our children. As one student asked, "Mr. Straus, do you know Deval Patrick?"

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his eyes lit up with excitement when the representative replied that he knew him very well. Another query brought a mixed, though mostly positive, response as a student asked Representative Straus, "Are you a Democrat or a Republican?" As he replied, "I am in the Democratic Party," most of the students gave their approval while a few let out groans. Rochester was, after all, the one town in the tri-town area that voted for Senator John McCain in the presidential election on November 4.

RIF is a national nonprofit organization that works for a literate America by helping our youngest people to read. The reading aloud program that took place at RMS this past week was a part of a celebration of 20 years of volunteers coming into the classroom to read to children throughout the state. The group New Age Role Models sponsors the program for Massachusetts and has been doing so for the past 19 years. Parents are encouraged to be a part of this vital literacy effort and they can learn more by logging onto the Reading is Fundamental web site at www.rif.org. In this season of giving, spending a few moments each day reading with a child could be

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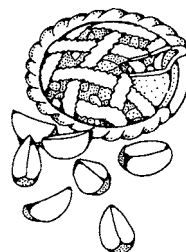
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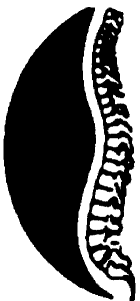
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A Cautionary Tale
Chiefs Concerned Over License Renewals
By **Kenneth J. Souza**

Police Chiefs in the tri-town area have expressed concern over a newly-instated policy announced at last week's Massachusetts Police Chiefs' Association meeting over the sending out of driver's license renewal reminders. According to Mattapoisett Police Chief Mary Lyons, Massachusetts Registrar Rachel Kaprielian announced the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) will no longer be mailing out courtesy notices to people when it's time to renew their driver's license and state IDs.

While this is seen as a cost-saving measure for the RMV, Chief Lyons believes it will create problems for drivers who are used to getting the reminders in the mail.

"It's something that everyone is used to getting," Chief Lyons said. "You don't always check your license to see when it's expired. Now if you get stopped for a routine traffic violation, technically you could be arrested for driving without a license and we'd have to tow the car."

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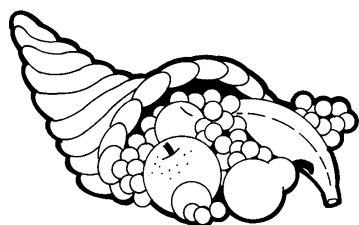
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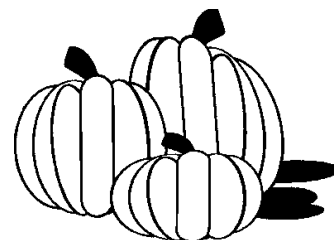
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But Marion Police Chief Lincoln Miller agrees with Chief Lyons that the elimination of traditional reminder notices is likely to create more problems in the long run.

"It's been a courtesy thing to offer reminders," Chief Miller said. "People, for the most part, keep their license sitting in their wallet. Now that they're taking away the reminders, I think it's going to cause more problems. If they do get stopped or get into an accident and find their license has expired, I think it's going to have more of an impact on (local) police as far as enforcement."

Like his tri-town counterparts, Rochester Police Chief Paul Magee expressed disappointment that the RMV is discontinuing notifications to license holders, although he understands that the cutback is budget-driven.

"People will have to take the responsibility themselves to renew their license," Chief Magee said. "People should set up reminders for themselves to make sure they renew in time."

Interestingly enough, the RMV still plans to send out reminders for vehicle registration renewals — which are issued for a two-year period — while reminders for the much longer five-year license renewals will be abandoned.

With this new policy in place, Chief Lyons stressed the importance of people checking the expiration date on their license as their birthday approaches to make sure they're in compliance.

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"It's up to the individual to make sure their license is in good standing," Chief Miller added. "If they do it a month before their birthday, they'll have plenty of time to renew."

Failure to Communicate
Rochester Clerk, Administrator At
Odds Over Meetings
By Kenneth J. Souza

For the past several weeks now, a pending appointment on the Rochester Board of Selectmen's meeting



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The Board of Selectmen, through Town Administrator Richard LaCamera, has made no less than seven formal requests to meet with Town Clerk Naida Parker during their regular meetings to discuss how the town should handle the issuance of dog licenses beginning January 1, 2009.

But Ms. Parker has either asked to be rescheduled each time or has simply not shown up for her appointment.

As a hobby kennel license holder in the Town of Rochester since 1977, Ms. Parker maintains she cannot participate in any discussions about kennel licenses, and if she did it could be deemed a serious conflict of interest.

"I have a kennel license in this town, I cannot participate in any policy decisions involving kennel licenses," Ms. Parker said. "To get involved in discussions I open myself to an ethics violation. I talked to Town Counsel (Blair Bailey) and he agrees with me that I should not participate."

But according to Town Administrator Richard LaCamera, the planned appointments were never about kennel licenses; rather, they were set up to discuss the issue of unlicensed dogs in Rochester and how they can ensure that all dogs are licensed annually as per state law.

"The meeting was to talk about unlicensed dogs," Mr. LaCamera said. "It's unacceptable to the Board of



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Noting that as of this week they were aware of just 40 dogs within town that still remained unlicensed, Mr. LaCamera said the original 300 projection was largely due to incomplete or incorrect information.

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But if the planned meetings with the Board of Selectmen are really about dog licensing issues, then Ms. Parker still has reservations about attending.

"Unlicensed dogs have nothing to do with me," Ms. Parker said. "They tried to make this my job back in October and Town Meeting said no. If this is about delinquent dogs, it has nothing to do with me. I'm not the puppy police and I don't want to be."

When asked why she hasn't show up for the various appointments with the Board of Selectmen, Ms. Parker said she's never been given a clear explanation of what the board wanted to discuss with her.

"First they were saying it was about kennel licenses," she said. "Now they're saying it's about unlicensed dogs. I was told (by Mr. LaCamera) that Police Chief Paul Magee wanted me at the meeting. When I saw Chief Magee, he told me he wanted to talk about the by-laws with the board. So it's got nothing to do with the chief. I told the (Selectmen) if they want me to do something different, they need to send me something in writing."

Meanwhile, Mr. LaCamera suggested the easiest way for Ms. Parker to find out what the board wants would be to show up for the meeting.

"I can give you ten letters I've sent to (Ms. Parker)," Mr. LaCamera said. "She has cancelled out seven times now. The last one I just sent yesterday from the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen at his request, asking her to give us a time that's convenient for her and we'll schedule a special meeting. I'm sorry, but I don't care about the kennel licenses. This has to do with unlicensed dogs, which is required by the state. The Police Chief and Town Hall staff have spent a lot of time on this ... and we

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need to get this resolved."

School Report

Great Achievements at ORR High School
By Olivia Mello

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The ceremony was hosted by ORR School District Superintendent Dr. William Cooper; guidance counselors Scott Griffith, Wendy McPhee and Donna Perry; and Interim Principal John Amaral. Fifty or so parents arrived to watch the recognition of their child's accomplishment. A congratulations goes out to all of the 42 students including: Andrew Ahrens, Samuel Asci, Michael Bertram, Brittany Brady, Adam Braley, Erin Burke, William Frantz, Alexander Goodman, Katherine Hartley, Aren Johansen, Devon Johnson, Ann Marie Kassabian, Cameron Kelleher, Adrienne King, Alexandra Kondracki, Christopher Kornichuk, Emma Lagreeze, Brittany Lees, Wendy Lopes, Taylor Maak, Haley MacDonald, Meg MacGregor, Alia Marinone, Noah Martinez, Allison McGlynn, Olivia Mello, Tyler Molander, Thomas Morss, Chelsie Nectow,

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On Monday, November 24, a group of seniors also volunteered to help Ms. Dall put together all of the donations that were given to the Thanksgiving fund-raiser. Eight baskets were created, stacked with a variety of food, snacks and beverages. It was truly heartwarming to see how well the grades cooperated and worked together towards completing this goal. In fact, the high school went above and beyond with their contributions as there were a number of cans that could not fit into the provided baskets. These cans will also be brought to the Salvation Army in New Bedford, along with a handful of gift cards and certificates for free Turkeys.

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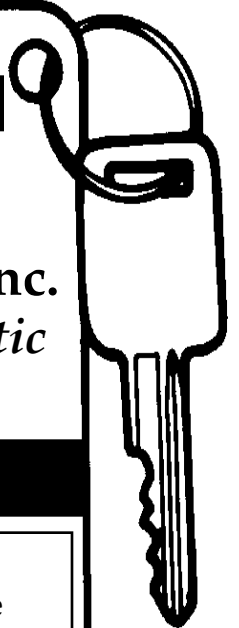
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For the Click It or Ticket Mobilization, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) has provided \$1.3 million in federal highway safety funds.

"This Click It or Ticket Mobilization is an opportunity for all of us to remember the importance of buckling up," said Chief Paul Magee of the Rochester Police Department. "It's the law, and statistics have proven time and time again that seat belts save lives."

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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

November 19, 2008

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Wednesday, November 19 at 7:02 pm by Chairman Richard Nunes. Also present were Selectman Dan McGaffey, Selectman Bradford Morse, Town Administrator Richard LaCamera, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

The board first opened a Tax Classification Hearing with the Board of Assessors in order to set the annual tax rate. "We don't have the figures that we need right now, we're hoping to finalize everything this weekend," said Assessor Jana Cavanaugh. "We're requesting a continuance to Tuesday, December 2 at 6:30 pm."

The board unanimously approved the continuance as requested.

The board next signed and authorized the Town Treasurer to take out additional short-term borrowing in the amount of \$750,000 at a rate of 2.52 percent in anticipation of tax receipts.



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At 7:10 pm the board continued a Dog Hearing upon a complaint against two dogs owned by Denis Seguin of Bennett Road. Mr. Seguin was notified by the town of several complaints against his two dogs — initially thought to be Bull Mastiffs but later identified as English Mastiffs. The initial hearing was continued to this evening.

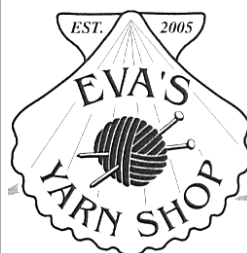
According to neighbor Yvonne Sasseville of Coombs Road, her two-year-old Labrador was attacked by Mr. Seguin's dogs on Bennett Road in front of his house. "The dogs came charging full speed, barking, smelling and circling around us," Ms. Sasseville wrote. "I started screaming and crying for help."

Likewise, neighbor Christine Thompson of Bennett Road wrote that she was walking her chihuahua Toby with her son riding his bike alongside when Mr. Seguin's dogs came toward them and she had to hold her dog out of sight to avoid a confrontation. "Considering their size, they should be on a leash, whether it is the law or not," Ms. Thompson wrote.

Resident John Duryea also sent an e-mail citing two instances where Mr. Seguin's dogs on Bennett Road in the last two years. In the first, he claimed the Mastiff lunged after him and grabbed the sleeve of his shirt. "The dog did not actually bite me, but in my opinion he tried to," Mr. Duryea wrote. During a later incident both Mastiffs went after Mr. Duryea's dog while he and his wife were walking her along Bennett Road. Although no one was hurt, "it was an ugly scene, my wife and I trying to pull the dogs off," he wrote.

"It seems the male Mastiff, Rocky I believe, is the aggressor," said Animal Control Officer (ACO) Anne Estabrook. "Both are Bull Mastiffs."

"I own English Mastiffs," Mr. Seguin corrected. "The dogs are kept in the house. I'm doing some work



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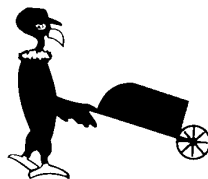
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After closing the hearing, the board unanimously voted to request that Mr. Seguin's dogs be restrained and confined to his property or the conservation land adjacent to his property, and that they remain on a leash at all times.

At 7:30 pm the board met with Tim Higgins to discuss the Connet Woods subdivision project between High Street and Ryder Road. The site contains a total of 560 acres and they plan to sell some 400 acres of open space to the Massachusetts Farm Bureau to keep it as conservation land. The planned subdivision will be confined to the remaining 160 or so acres.

"We'll be making a lot of improvements on the site, but to ensure it remains in open space, we have to put a conservation restriction on it," Mr. Higgins said. "All the hunting, fishing and trapping that has been taking place over the years will still go on, the cranberry bogs will remain, and there will be public access to the (open space). Access will be allowed through the development."

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With that, the board unanimously voted to sign and approve an agreement to allow the 400 acres to be sold as conservation land to the Massachusetts Farm Bureau.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. LaCamera noted they need to cancel the liquor license held by Towne Pizza since they have now gone out of business. As such, the board unanimously cancelled the license currently held by Towne Pizza and the owners have 60 days to either transfer it to another Rochester establishment or forfeit it altogether.

Mr. LaCamera noted that PMA Consultants has been chosen as the project manager for the Memorial School Building project. "The building committee will be

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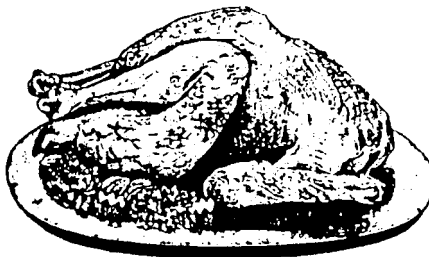
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presented with a contract on Monday night," Mr. LaCamera said. "We're moving forward and we feel the process will take six to nine months."

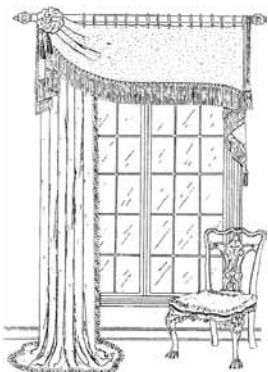
A planned appointment between the board and Town Clerk Naida Parker was again cancelled and Mr. LaCamera said he advised Ms. Parker to provide him with several dates which were convenient for her to meet with the board to discuss Dog Licensing. On that note, Mr. LaCamera reported they have decreased the number of unlicensed dogs in town from around 300 to just about 40.

In other matters, the board:

- Received payment from SEMASS/Covanta in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$284,799 for refuse collected at the facility during the month of October 2008.

- Received notice that the Town of Rochester has been awarded a \$43,200 grant for the Dexter Lane Recreational Area Improvement Project. According to Mr. LaCamera, this money will be used to fund a joint playground and basketball court on the Dexter Lane property.

"Mr. Davignon, a fourth grade teacher, wanted to start a community fund-raising project to put a playground at Dexter Lane," Mr. LaCamera said. "At the same time the Park Commission was looking to put a basketball court at Dexter Lane and they didn't have any funding at all. We applied for a grant and received a 60 percent reimbursement. The cost of the basketball court and playground was \$72,000 and 60 percent of that would



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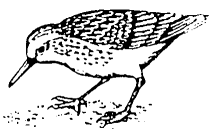
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be funded through the grant with the remaining balance coming from the funds raised (for the playground)."

- Received payment from Verizon in the amount of \$3,064.11 in PEG Access funding for the tri-town cable access efforts.

Selectman Morse noted they are still looking for members to form an Agricultural Commission in town. Members don't necessarily have to work in agriculture, they just have to be interested in serving on the seven-member board. Those interested should send a letter to the Board of Selectmen, c/o Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770.

Mr. LaCamera noted the town's Annual Tree Lighting will be held on Monday evening, December 6 beginning at 6:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

There being no further matters to discuss in Open Session, they unanimously voted to go into Executive Session at 7:51 pm to discuss contracts and pending litigation and would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

November 25, 2008

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Stephen J. Lombard. Also present were Selectman Jordan C. Collyer, Selectman George Randall, and Town Administrator Michael J. Botelho.

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After a moment of silence in memory of former Library Director Judy Wallace, the board wished to express their sympathy to her family and all those who knew her. Chairman Lombard noted a Memorial Service for Ms. Wallace will be held at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library on Sunday, November 30 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

The board then approved the minutes of the November 10 meeting; voted to accept the resignation of Debbie Soares from the Mattapoisett Recreation Committee, with regret; and voted to accept the resignation of Monika Schuler from the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission (ConCom), also with regret.

The board noted there are now openings on both the Conservation Commission (ConCom) and Recreation Committee. Those interested in filling these vacancies should submit a letter to the Board of Selectmen, c/o Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, P.O. Box 435, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

At 7:05 pm the board opened a pole hearing upon a request from NStar to install a new utility pole on Industrial Drive to service a new business at that location.

There being no abutters or other residents present to object, the board unanimously approved the pole installation as requested.

The board also signed and approved all liquor license renewals for 2009, along with those for common

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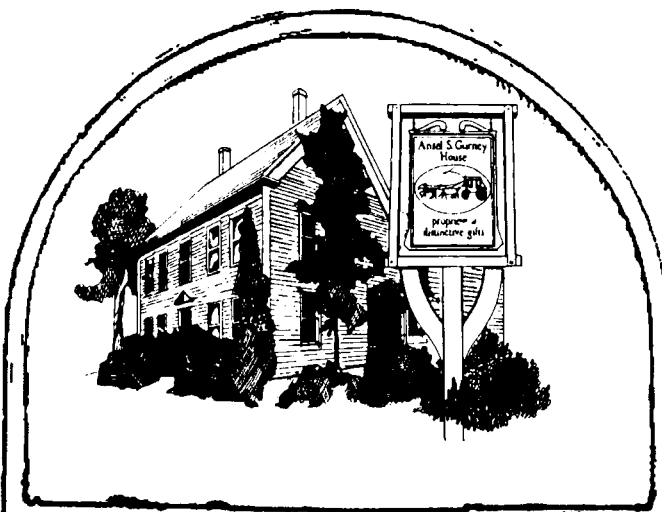
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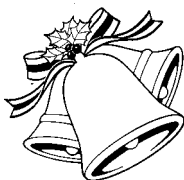
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Chairman Lombard next wished to express his thanks and appreciation to all those who organized, participated in and attended the recent Veterans' Day Exercises held at Old Hammondtown School on November 11.

Mr. Botelho noted they have had some issues at the Mattapoisett Skateboard Park with trash and litter being left in the park during weekend hours.

"How bad is it?" Selectman Collyer asked.

Mr. Botelho said the Highway Department has had to go in with his crew to do a couple of cleanups.

Selectman Randall said he heard the trash barrels are being dumped out and used to jump over.

"I thought we had trash receptacles which are permanently affixed?" Selectman Collyer said. "If that's not the case, let's make sure they are. If they are chained down and they're cutting the chains, then we can close the park down like we did before."

Under announcements for the week, the board noted:

- The next regular Selectmen's meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Town Hall.

- The Town of Mattapoisett will be sponsoring their Third Annual "Village Stroll and Holiday in the Park" on Saturday, December 6 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Shipyard Park. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting the park with all their friends at 12:00 noon and they will be collecting gifts to help needy children of Mattapoisett on that day.

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• The Mattapoisset Town Hall will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday beginning on Wednesday, November 26 at 12:00 noon and all day Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Botelho noted there is a Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 11 at 6:30 pm in the Media Room at ORR High School. The Town of Marion is hosting.

Mr. Botelho also noted they received a letter from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding the old burn landfill property, located adjacent to Mattapoisset's Industrial Park. Mr. Botelho noted the DEP has a new agent assigned to Mattapoisset and they have some questions regarding the requirements for closing the former landfill in the 1970s.

In other news, Mr. Botelho reported the town has received permission under the Chapter 90 Waterways Project to put a new float off Barstow's Wharf; and the town has also received the keys to the newly-completed bike path project.

The board also noted receipt of a notice from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) reminding everyone that as of February 17, 2009, all TV stations will be broadcasting solely via a digital signal and those with non-digital (analog) equipment will no longer be able to receive broadcast signals without the use of a converter box.

Chairman Lombard said this is a confusing issue and he urged those with questions to either contact their cable or satellite service provider or check out the web site www.dtv.gov for more information.

The board next wished everyone a Happy



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Thanksgiving and noted we all have plenty to be thankful for this holiday season.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:39 pm.

Sports Shorts

By Robert Chiarito

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football field itself, a throwback to another time with the remnants of the old gravel track and the old press box/locker room acting as a backdrop to the grandstand. Oliveira Field is something of a time capsule. Home games for the **Old Colony Cougars** are played in the light of day, adding yet another layer of sheen to the nostalgic glow that surrounds Old Colony Football games.

This season was not particularly kind to the Old Colony Cougars. They ended their 2008 season on Saturday afternoon, November 22, with their ninth loss in eleven games as they fell to rival Tri-County Tech, 21-0, in the annual **Cougar Bowl**, so named as both teams are represented by the same mascot. The Old Colony Cougars have fought much harder this season than their record might indicate ... and Saturday's game was no exception.

Contested in below-freezing temperatures on a day when the wind was gusting upwards of 25 miles per hour or more, making the day feel colder still, Old Colony and Tri-County waged a fierce battle for four quarters of pad popping endurance. Each play seemed to end with a tackle that was harder than the one previous to it, as if the two squads believed that somehow they could warm the air by doing so. In the end, Old Colony found themselves too often playing from behind while facing long yardage situations on a day when the cold and the wind made the simple task of throwing and catching the ball a questionable proposition.

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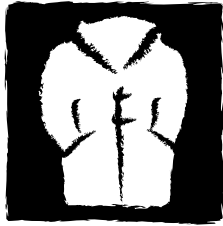
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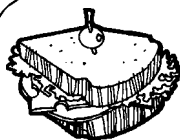
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ground game in the early going but never were able to crack the Tri-County red zone, battling most of the game between the two 30-yard lines. With a defensive struggle being waged by the two teams throughout the first half of play, Tri-County posted the game's first score as they pounded the ball down the field for a long scoring drive that ended with **Mike Foster** running the ball in from 14-yards out with under four minutes remaining before the half ended. Tri-County added a two point conversion and the score at the break stood at an 8 advantage for the visitors.

The larger Tri-County squad seemed to wear down the Old Colony team as the game went on. Tri-County quarterback **Lucas Mistler** was able to find a seam in the Old Colony attack on play after play as he held onto the ball for 13 runs resulting in 115 yards rushing including one touchdown, with running back Foster adding another 98 yards on the ground on just eleven attempts. Senior running back **Ryan Midwood** led the Old Colony offense as he stacked up 70 yards on fourteen carries. Neither team was able to mount much of an air game with Old Colony completing just five of 17 pass attempts for 37 yards and Tri-County connecting just once through the air for a gain of 12 yards.

The beauty of sports is that there is always next season to look forward to ... and for Old Colony the hard lessons of this season should go a long way towards molding a winning team next year.

Otto Graham Awards

Nineteen schools have nominated student-athlete's for this year's **Otto Graham Football Awards** to be presented during a banquet held at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School on Wednesday, December 3 at 5:00 pm.

Local nominees include **Lane Tobiasen** of Old Colony Regional Voke and **Travis Lowery** of Old Rochester Regional High School.

Lane Tobiasen has been involved with Old Colony's Football program for the past four years and is currently ranked 10th in his class as a member of the National Honor Society. He is a Mayflower League two-year All Star and was this year's Mayflower League Sports-

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Travis Lowery is a two-year captain of the ORR Football Team and two-year first team for the South Coast Conference All Stars. He has amassed over 1,200 yards rushing and his current 19 touchdowns leave him just one short of tying the school record.

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Please send ideas, comments and suggestions to: Sports, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, e-mail releases to news@wanderer.com, or fax, 24-hours-a-day, to 508-758-4845.

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To the Editor:

The State Election is over and all of us here in the Town Clerk's office are thrilled that we made it through a very tough election period and electoral process. We processed over 400 absentee ballots. Many people thought Massachusetts had "early voting" — thanks to the press. Massachusetts does not have "early voting." Many people thought it would be easier to come into the Town Clerk's office and vote absentee instead of waiting in a long line. We all wondered if that many people were going to be out of Mattapoissett on Election Day!

We had lines at the beginning of the day, but overall voters did not have to spend a significant amount of time waiting in line — at least in Mattapoissett. We had the governor sign a one-day bill on Thursday, October 30 affecting all 351 cities and towns and how they would conduct their election with a new "partial ballot" being delivered on Friday, October 31. Happy Halloween! Not one City or Town Clerk was aware of this change and most had conducted their Election Workers' Training sessions prior to that day. Shame on the powers that be to put clerks in that tough position. However, you will find that clerks will work together to create the necessary procedural steps to comply with our Election laws.

And I would remiss if I didn't express my deep and sincere appreciation to my staff for the long hours they worked to make sure every absentee ballot was properly processed, every procedure in place, every new voter added to our rolls.

To the Fire Department, Highway Department and Police Department who assisted in the set up of the polls the day before the election and made sure that all equipment and ballots were delivered by 6:00 am on Election Day and the flow of traffic went smoothly. To all of you a heartfelt *thank you!*

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And I would also be remiss if I didn't thank each and every election warden, clerk, checker and relief worker who manned the polls in an efficient and professional manner and to the registrars for manning the office phones and keeping the lines to the polls open. It was an extremely long and busy day and everyone did a great job. Thank you.

And also to the voters of Mattapoisett for being patient when there was a line entering and exiting the polls.

If I missed anyone, I apologize. The cooperation of each and every one of you makes an election of this magnitude run smoothly.

Thank you again!

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Sullivan, CMC/CMMC
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To the Editor:

I wonder what would happen if all the animals got together and wanted their land back and decided to chew, pillage, and destroy people's property with a little help from the powers that be ... i.e., one of which, Mother Nature? Shall we say *flood* for starters?

That is basically what the Marion Recreation Committee wants to do with living habitats of a number of animal-as well as the box turtle for the proposed site of a ball field.

Seriously though, in times of monetary challenges facing everyone now, and with people tightening their belts, I feel it is unnecessary to build yet another ball field. The money could be put into far more important projects for the children such as school supplies, help with day care, nutrition programs and more.

Don't get me wrong, I am a baseball lover and enjoy children, and a slice of apple pie is mighty fine sometimes. Yet what are we really teaching the children about restraint with money, privilege, and sharing? I believe it would be more beneficial to show that we can't always get what we want, but we can make do and share with what we have in order to spread the time for children to play ball in a cooperative spirit. And at the same time, learn to be aware to leave trees and areas for animals to live.

I am sure the Washburn Trust would be willing to work something out with the Recreation Committee, if need be. The area would still be the park and its facilities, with ample existing parking areas. They should pursue this course and make a concerted effort to view Jeffrey Oakes' plan — one that is far better and less costly.

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it from our children." Let's leave them a world of animals and
beautiful landscape to nurture, not destroy.

Sincerely,
Anne Converse
Marion

To the Editor:

This correspondence is in response to your November
13 article "Marion Residents Voice Concern over Ball Field."
The article contains incomplete and incorrect facts resulting in
misleading statements.

Here are the chronological events:

1. The Marion Recreation Committee Notice of Intent
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19, 2007. Filing a NOI includes notification of abutters.

2. In accordance with the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act (WPA), the Conservation Commission conducted three site visits and five public hearings to obtain the details of the proposed project, consider the input of all participants, and to evaluate the information with respect to the WPA requirements. The Conservation Commission issued an Order of Conditions (OOC) on June 20, 2007 permitting the work in accordance with modified plans and specific written conditions. Contrary to your statement that "the project is set to move forward on the acre-and-a-half of wetlands," no work was permitted in wetlands.

3. The neighbor filed an Appeal on July 12, 2007 to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Southeast Division per the specified WPA process. At that point no work is permitted and responsibility for any governing requirements was shifted to the DEP. The statement "that despite their opposition, two formal appeals and an alternative proposal, the original 3-2 ConCom vote stands" is incorrect as this Appeal effectively nullified any Conservation Commission vote or control.

4. The DEP conducted a site visit on August 29, 2007 and issued a Superceding Order of Conditions (SOC) on November 16, 2007 specifying permitted work and taking precedence over the Marion OOC.

5. The neighbor filed a second Appeal on November 30, 2007 to the DEP, Office of Appeal and Dispute Resolution. The DEP issued a Final Resolution on April 10, 2008 supporting the SOC. The "nearly two years now" is in fact 20 months between the submittal of the NOI and the Final Decision. Seventeen months was consumed by the "due process" afforded the neighbor by the WPA Appeal process as executed by Mass DEP.

If you had taken the time to contact the Chairman of the Conservation Commission your article would have been better researched and more factual. As written it is misleading and a disservice to the people and organizations involved as well as to *The Wanderer's* readers. Each NOI is evaluated based on the details submitted and how they comply the WPA requirements. A NOI is not evaluated against hypothetical alternate solutions or whether a project is "needed" or not.

Sincerely,
Norman Hills
Marion Conservation Commission

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and pertinent issues in the greater Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester area provided they include the author's name, address, and phone number for verification. We cannot publish anonymous, unsigned or unconfirmed submissions. The Wanderer reserves the right to edit, condense, and otherwise alter submissions for purposes of clarity and/or spacing considerations. The Wanderer also reserves the right to deny publication of any submitted correspondence.

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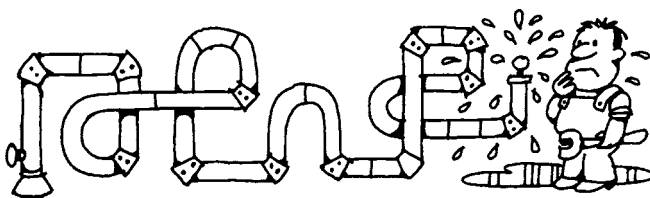
The Town of Mattapoisett's Third Annual Village Stroll and "Holiday in the Park" will take place on Saturday, December 6 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in and around Shipyard Park. "Holiday in the Park" events will include a Tree Lighting from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, with Santa and

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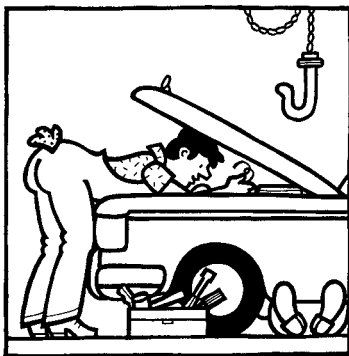
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Village Stroll events will include Saint Anthony's Church Fair from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm; Pony Rides by Seahorse Farms from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; a Petting Zoo by Spring Meadow Farm; an Open House at the Mattapoisett Historical Museum and Carriage House from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; Mattapoisett Library Drop-In Storytimes from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; and the Mattapoisett Boy Scouts selling wreaths and poinsettias with free hot coffee at the Mattapoisett Town Hall. Also, you can visit the Kinsale Inn for free Shepherd's Pie and cider. Restrooms will be available at the Town Hall and Mattapoisett Public Library.

Rochester Emergency Data

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The book signing will be at their offices at 354 Front Street, Marion, in the Pilgrim Bank Plaza, next door to Uncle Jon's coffee.

Everyone who purchases a book will receive a free cup of coffee from Uncle Jons!

The event will take place on Saturday, November 29 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Mattapoisett Recycling Session

A well-attended Recycling Question and Answer session occurred on November 20. Health Agent Dale Barrows and Carmelo Nicolosi of the Mattapoisett Board of Health, as well as Jerry Dugan from ABC Recycling and Edith DeMello from Mass Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) fielded questions posed by moderator

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- In the curbside program, ABC picks up approximately 15 percent recycling and 85 percent trash.
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- The Town is encouraging everyone to recycle more paper of all types.
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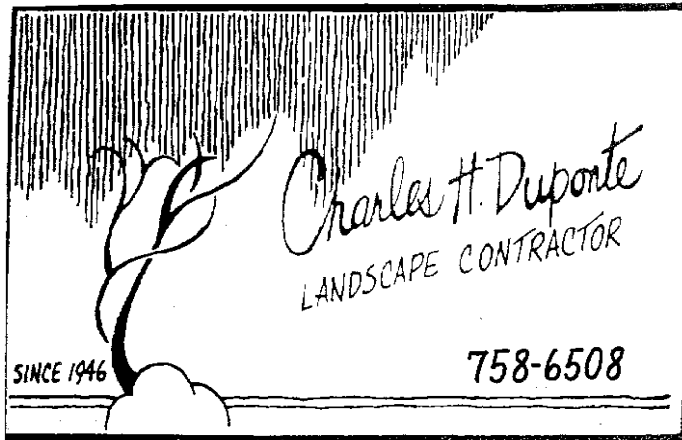
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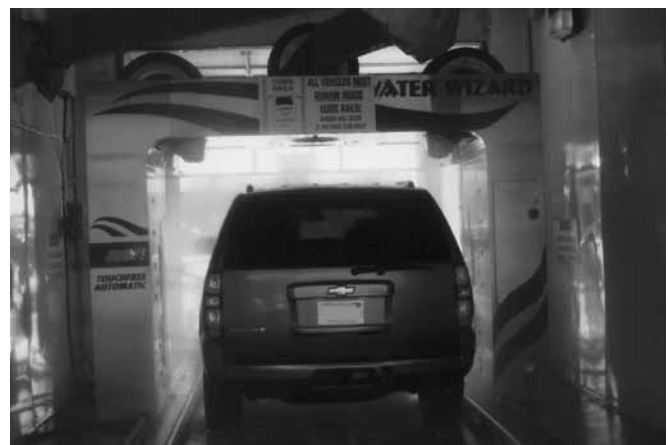
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"We have added many new items this year," added Kitsie Howard. "We've created bird nest tree ornaments, pinecone fire starters, and all kinds of shell and sea-inspired gifts for the home or cottage. We emphasize the use of natural materials for all our items."

This and the village wreath sale also sponsored by the Marion Garden and Discussion Group, help raise funds to keep the village of Marion looking beautiful year round and are used for community projects including Flower Therapy at local nursing facilities.

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Registration for the Winter Story Time session starts December 8 through December 20. Preschool story time for ages 3-5 take place on Wednesdays at 10:30 starting January 7. Toddler-Parent story time for ages 2 and 3 take place on Fridays at 10:30, and will start on January 9.

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The Non-Fiction Book Group will meet on Tuesday, December 16 at 6:30 pm to discuss *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace One School at a Time*, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. Books are available at the library, and all are welcome to attend. This is an "Act II: Boomers and Beyond" program.

The Cafe Parlez Book Group will meet on Monday, December 29 at 6:30 pm to talk about *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. This is the simple story about an Andalusian boy named Santiago who travels from Spain to Egypt in search of treasure. Books are available at the library.

The Sit-n-Stitch craft group meets every Monday at 6:30. All are welcome to bring any knitting, crocheting, or other crafts, get a cup of tea, and enjoy the company of other crafters.

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Callers are reminded to bear in mind the importance of call list accuracy. Please report your lists no later than 9:00 on December 1 by calling 508-758-9311. Last-minute changes can be made by members calling the

same number no later than 9:00 pm on December 1.

Rochester Unlicensed Dogs

Rochester Town Clerk records indicate that as of November 25, 2008 the below listed individuals have a dog or dogs that remain unlicensed. Owners who fail to license their dogs may be subject to legal action. Your immediate attention to this matter is appreciated. Dog licenses can be obtained from the Town Clerk's office. Licensing and license status questions can be directed to the Town Clerk at 508-763-3866.

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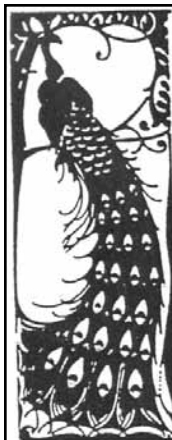
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Sippican School Garden Club

The Sippican School Community Garden Club has just completed another satisfying fall season series. In the six weeks from September to late October, 15 students engaged in activities designed to get down to the basics of local gardening. It is supported through donations: local gardening businesses throughout Marion (Eden's Landscapes and Tim Crowley); Mattapoisett (How On Earth); and Rochester (Lucky Field Organic Farm and Small Axe Tree Farm); grants, and anyone casually walking by the garden with gardening interests or skills. Who knows — you may be next!



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Two instructors, Ms. Judy Fasciana, a Marion resident volunteer working to involve the Marion Women's Club in community support, and Sippican School third grade teacher, Ms. Diane Cook, led sessions to actively involve students in the upkeep and maintenance of the community garden.

Instruction included close observation of the living creatures that occupy the garden during the late summer and fall season. A magnificent praying mantis was discovered within the deep greenery of a tall corn plant and a puffy-legged honeybee perched atop a sunny



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marigold plant evoked gleeful reactions. Later, catching a slinky earthworm tunneling through the dark-rich soil of an onion patch row were the highlights of one sunny autumn afternoon. Through guided observation, students learn the importance of these creatures in the garden habitat and our need to respectfully foster their care.

With the continual need for weeding, students distinguished between weeds and thriving plants. They could understand how the root system of willful weeds robs garden plants of needed water. After harvesting crops, they used math skills — a fabulous opportunity to use estimation and division skills to share the bounty. Digging for potatoes was a high point. Many seed potatoes grew into a bed full of varying sizes and colors. Next year they are hoping to add purple hues to the crop. Deadheading the flowers will provide many seeds for next year's planting. Children carefully split seed heads of marigolds, zinnias, beans, lettuce, and sunflowers to find the precious seeds inside the plants. It was a fabulous hands-on opportunity for children to see the various plant structures perhaps only learned through textbooks.

Immense appreciation must be extended to the many parents, families, and community members who took part in this year's garden maintenance — all the summer waterers and those who harvested the crop. Special thanks to the Tirrell family, father and sons, for the garden shed they built and to Mr. Keegan for the shed's painting and staining. It looks fabulous and provides

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Until next spring, enjoy the long winter's rest but anticipate the beckoning of next year's garden when the peas planted this fall welcome a new group of young gardeners to turn them over, creating richer soil for a new growing season.

Mattapoisett Great Decisions

The Mattapoisett Women's Club is holding a "Great Decisions" round-table series featuring eight thought-provoking discussion topics: Global food supply, U.S. and rising powers, the Arctic Age, Energy and the Global Economy, Cuba after Castro, Afghanistan and Pakistan, Egypt in the 21st century, and Universal Human Rights.

Great Decisions is open to all South Coast area men and women who want to learn more about important issues affecting U.S. policy. The round-table meets once a week for eight consecutive Wednesdays at 1:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Congregational Church's meeting room at 27 Church Street beginning January 28, 2009. A briefing book with historical background, current U.S. policy, maps, and graphs costs \$25. For more information regarding the Great Decisions round-table, please contact Lois Murray at 508-758-4949 before December 15.

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Tri-Town Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Tri-Town planning committee is holding its next meeting for the 2009 season on Monday, December 1, 2008 at 6:00 pm at the Old Rochester Regional High School Library located at 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett.

Does your child have the perfect gift for that someone special? If not, come join the Planning Committee at the "Holiday Workshop" on December 7 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Center School, 17 Barstow Street in Mattapoisett, where your child can pretend they are one of Santa's elves. There are many different crafts for your child to choose to make for that special someone. Santa will arrive at 1:00 pm for photos. Purchase something from the bake table, or participate in the Chinese auction to take home a great gift.

Relay For Life is a fun-filled, overnight event that brings the tri-town area together to celebrate survivors (anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer), remember loved ones, commit to fight back against this disease, and raise money to assist in finding a cure for cancer.

Relay For Life is as much an awareness-raiser about the progress against cancer as it is a fund-raiser. Individuals who are willing to give their time and energy to this exciting event, as a volunteer or participant, have made a commitment to fight back against this disease and

let our community know that you, too, can beat cancer.

Volunteers are needed to organize and recruit teams, seek community support, coordinate logistics, find refreshments and prizes, plan entertainment and lend their support in any way.

To learn more about Relay For Life, please visit www.relayforlife.org. For information about the December 1 planning committee meeting, or if you would like to participate at the Relay For Life of Tri-Town event, please contact Caryn Hodges at 508-989-7805 or Carol Lareau at 508-758-9229.

Dinner For Two Books

The Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly are now selling their Dinner for Two Coupon Books. They sell for \$29.95 and make wonderful Christmas gifts.

They are available at the Mattapoisett Wellness and Senior Center from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. They will also be sold at the Friends' Christmas party to be held on Thursday, December 11 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett.

The Mattapoisett seniors use the profits from the selling of these books for different types of entertainment and anything else needed by the Council on Aging.

Mattapoisett Historical Museum

A reminder for those parents who have signed their children up for the upcoming Holiday Crafts program at the Mattapoisett Museum and Carriage House — this program begins at 2:00 pm on Sunday, November 30. To inquire about any openings for this event, please call the museum at 508-758-2844.

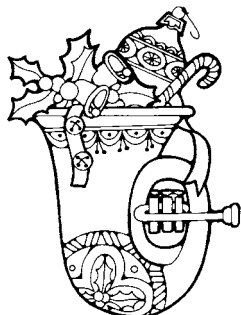
As part of the town's Christmas Stroll on Saturday, December 6, the Museum and Carriage House will be open at 11:00 am to 2:00 pm that day. Jean West's String Group from ORR Junior High School will be entertaining around 11:15 am. The museum will also be decorated for the season, so do plan to stop by for a bit of holiday cheer!

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Upcoming guest speakers include:

- November 30: Don Spirlet;
- December 7: David Ouellette - Communion;
- December 14: Reverend Dr. Kathy Gayoski -

Brunch;

- December 21: Lessons and Carols - 7:00 pm service (no morning service).

Baked Ziti Benefit

A Baked Ziti Dinner will be held for John Lafleur and his fiancée Patty Crossley. Patty has been diagnosed with leukemia and has had a round of complications from the disease and treatment. Friends have joined together to have a dinner for them on Sunday, December 7 at the Ponderosa on Route 105 in Acushnet. The dinner will be from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, with music and raffles. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at Bev Loves Books in Rochester.

Harborside Christmas Fair

On Saturday, December 6, Saint Anthony's Church on Barstow Street in Mattapoisett will be holding their Harborside Christmas Fair from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be a Grand Raffle with a first prize of \$500, which would be welcome at this time of year. There will be a bake table, candy table and a next-to-new table, a knit table, plus other holiday offerings. There will be coffee and malasadas for the early shoppers, and a lunch will be offered for \$8.

The children's table is always a big hit and the

young shoppers will find many buys for the holidays. Hope to see you there as the monies earned help defray expenses of the parish and also fund a scholarship for graduating seniors.

Marion Postcard Book

The holiday gift-giving season is fast approaching, so now is the time to pick up a copy of Sippican Historical Society's popular book, *A Picture Postcard History of Marion, Massachusetts*. Comprised of more than 250 postcards on more than 150 colorful pages, it is available for purchase in both hardcover and paperback. This wonderful publication chronicles the growth and changes in the town, as recorded on postcards during the late nineteenth



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wind and water." For more information, please call 508-748-1116 or stop by the Sippican Historical Society at 139 Front Street in Marion, open Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Rochester Tree Lighting

Rochester will hold its annual Christmas tree lighting at the Town Hall on Monday, December 8 beginning at 6:00 pm. The event will feature music provided by the students from Rochester Memorial School and a visit from Santa, who will arrive via fire engine.

Friends of the Elderly

On Saturday, December 6, during the town's Annual Christmas Stroll, the Friends of the Elderly will be selling Dine-Out books from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in a tent at Shipyard Park. Also for sale will be some aprons (must be seen!) and T-shirts. Come by and do some Christmas shopping.

The Seniors' Christmas Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 11 at 12:00 noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. Please pick up your free ticket at the Council on Aging (COA) office at Center School.

Please keep saving your Shaw's receipts. Collection sites are the Seaport Coffee Shoppe, the COA rooms in Center School, and the Mattapoisett Town Hall. The

MILESTONES

Deaths

Virginia B. "Ginny" (Hirst) Wood, age 92 years, of Rochester, died unexpectedly November 18, 2008, at Tobey Hospital in Wareham. She was the wife of the late Richard A. Wood.

Born in New Bedford, Ginny was the daughter of the late Jesse and Estelle (Bailey) Hirst and a graduate of Pembroke College, now part of Brown University. For 35 years she was employed by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company until she retired.

She and her late husband purchased "Apple Knoll Farm" in Rochester in 1953 and lovingly restored, being the

third owners of the old home built in 1810. Sailing enthusiast, Ginny and Dick sailed local waters many times to their favorite spot, Cuttyhunk, in their yacht Heaven Can Wait, and was a member of the Sandwich Yacht Club.

An avid golfer, she was a member of the New Bedford Country Club, the Kittansett Golf Club and the Acoaxet Golf Club. She also was active with the Old Dartmouth Historical Society, WHALE, the New Bedford Glass Museum, and the Telephone Pioneers. Ginny was a great reader and loved to work on crossword puzzles.

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Ornament Orchestra at ORR

Ornament, Southern New England's Premier Rock Orchestra, will present a concert titled "A Tribute to the Trans Siberian Orchestra" in the main auditorium of Old Rochester Regional High School (ORR) on Friday, December 12 at 7:30 pm. The concert is sponsored by FORD, the Friends of Old Rochester Drama.


Ornament, a twelve-piece rock orchestra currently in their third year of touring, presents the music of the Trans Siberian Orchestra (TSO). Reproducing the actual shows performed by TSO on a smaller scale, they include narration, lights, smoke machines, lasers, and snow machines. Using music and narration to tell a story of the true meaning of Christmas, the show helps us all remember what the holiday season is truly about. This is a show appreciated by all ages and uses traditional holiday carols and songs sung to rock, blues and gospel music.

In the spirit of the season, the concert will help raise funds for the Drama Club at ORR. The Ornament concert will begin at 7:30 pm, with doors opening at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors in advance. All tickets will be \$10 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at No Kidding in Mattapoisett, The Bookstall in Marion and Plumb Corner Market in Rochester. For additional ticket information, please contact Brenda at 508-789-6625 or by e-mail at brobin23@aol.com. More info can also be obtained through the Ornament web site at www.ornamentband.com.

Mattapoisett Bike Raffle

Friends of Mattapoisett Bicycle and Recreational Path are celebrating the completed portion of the bike path with a raffle. Prizes can be seen and tickets purchased at South Coast Cycling, 19 Wareham Road (at the corner of Point Road and Route 6) and Yesteryear Cyclery, 330 Hathaway Road New Bedford.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Blood Relations

By Rob Gonsalves
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Let the Right One In. Starring Kåre Hedebrant and Lina Leandersson. Directed by Tomas Alfredson. Running time: 106 minutes. MPAA rating: R.

If the teenage vampire romance *Twilight* had been handed to the late great Krzysztof Kieslowski and he'd been told he could do anything he wanted with the basic premise, the result might've been something like *Let the Right One In*. Though this film is from Sweden, not Poland, it shares with Kieslowski's *Decalogue* a certain gritty, working-class beauty; disruptive humanity in the dead center of a stark white landscape. The compositions are wintry-immaculate, the sound design amplifies leather boots crushing wet snow. The 43-year-old director Tomas Alfredson has made a gorgeously bleak film, though never at the expense of the story. Quite literally, Sweden in winter in 1982 seems the only possible setting for this tale, which is why the forthcoming American remake sounds absurdly pointless. No American multiplex movie would be allowed to breathe this much, to work its dark magic in silence and ambiguity.

Oskar (Kåre Hedebrant), a 12-year-old with a bone-straight bowl haircut, lives in a housing project with his distant mother. Next door, a girl, Eli (Lina Leandersson) has moved in, along with an older man, Håkan (Per Ragnar), who could be her father or could be something else. Whatever he is or has been to her, we soon discover what he is now: a procurer of fresh blood to keep Eli alive. The solemn-faced Eli is a vampire, with the usual unearthly powers and aversion to sunlight. Oskar is drawn to her, and his innocence appeals to her.

I was reminded not only of Kieslowski but of Philip Ridley's 1990 cult film *The Reflecting Skin*, in which a boy's fearful fixation on a local lady he takes to be a vampire is part of a surreal fable about loss of innocence. Here, though, we see that Oskar is really not as innocent as all that, and Eli is not as dangerous as we assume. Oskar is being bullied at school; he has a lot of pent-up, impotent rage. He fantasizes about

getting his tormentors where he wants them, helpless at the point of a knife. Eli kills people, but only out of necessity. Alfredson, working from a screenplay by John Ajvide Lindqvist (who also wrote the source novel), is able to construct a strange and absolutely original relationship between these two that takes off from a horror premise.

Alfredson's control is generally so pure and strong that I regret a couple of discordant moments, such as a probably-unintentionally funny scene involving a bunch of dismayed cats and a supporting character's fiery fate. For a moment or two, the film feels demoted to a standard horror flick with standard horror tricks. But for the most part, *Let the Right One In* deals in subtle chills, including a revelation about Eli much clearer to readers of the novel than it probably will be to many viewers. This love story goes beyond everything normal, which may be why we can relate to it. We may not buy the sparkly love between Bella and Edward in *Twilight*, but we believe in Oskar and Eli.

Schlock can be fun and even transporting, but these days — particularly in the arena of horror — Hollywood seems incapable of giving us anything *but* schlock, and it's usually sad, flaccid schlock without the transgressive charge it used to pack in the days of grindhouse and drive-ins. But when a filmmaker takes horror seriously, as a launching pad for a human story that couldn't be told as effectively in any other genre, we horror fans are reminded why we fell in love with horror in the first place. *Let the Right One In* reacquaints us with real, classical

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6:40, 9:15

Twilight (PG13) – 1:00, 2:00, 3:50, 4:45, 7:00,
7:35, 9:35, 10:00

Bolt (PG) – 12:45, 1:30, 2:55, 4:05, 5:00, 6:45,
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Quantum of Solace (PG13) – 1:50, 4:30, 7:15,
9:55

Madagascar 2 (PG) – 1:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30,
9:30

The Changeling (R) – 3:45

Role Models (R) – 1:10, 7:15, 9:45

High School Musical 3 (G) – 1:05, 3:35

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Boy in the Striped Pajamas (NR) – Fri: 7:15, 9:25;
Sat/Sun: 12:55, 3:55, 7:15, 9:25

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Australia (PG13) – 1:05, 4:25, 7:45

Quantum of Solace (PG13) – 1:25, 4:30, 7:10,
9:30

Bolt (PG) – 1:00, 3:05, 5:10, 7:20, 9:25

Twilight (PG13) – 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:35

Madagascar 2 (PG) – 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:30,
9:30

Role Models (R) – 1:15, 7:05, 9:40

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ORCTV Holiday Greetings

Old Rochester Community Television (ORCTV) is opening their studios for anyone to come in and have a Holiday Greeting videotaped. Sing a song, tell a story or simply send your holiday greetings to your community! The greetings will play through the whole month of December on the local access television channels. Pick a half hour slot on Tuesday December 2 from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm or Wednesday, December 3 from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm. Please call the studio to schedule a time at 508-748-1600 or with any questions.

Marion Christmas Boutique

The Marion Garden Discussion Group will hold their annual Christmas Boutique on Saturday, December 13 at the Marion Music Hall on Front Street. The doors open at 9:30 am.

"We are very excited to have a new venue of The Music Hall for our boutique this year," said cochairman Kyle Riseley. "We have so many beautiful items we outgrew the Saint Gabriel's library."



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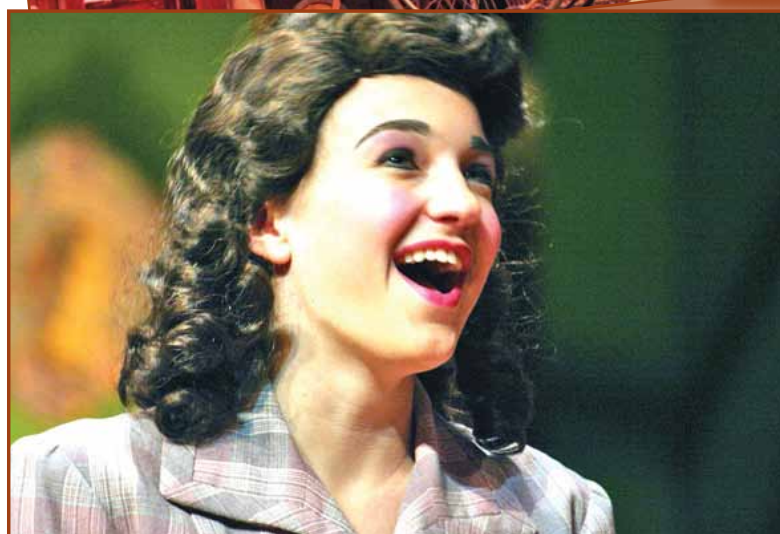
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Members of the Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club, under the direction of Paul Sardinha, presented The Man Who Came to Dinner on November 20-23 in the high school auditorium. The stellar production included a talented cast of students including (clockwise, from bottom left) Jillian Zucco as Maggie Cutler; Jillian Zucco as Maggie Cutler and Koby Williamson as Sheridan Whiteside; Chelsie Nectow as Lorraine Sheldon; Koby Williamson as Sheridan Whiteside and John Daniels as the policeman; and Koby Williamson as Sheridan Whiteside, the titular "Man Who Came to Dinner."

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This year's theme is "Christmas at the Cottage." The sale features decorations handmade by the garden club members. The Boutique is a stop on the Sippican Women's Club Holiday House Tour. "People traditionally buy their special holiday arrangements, swags or ornaments at this sale," said Laurie Fearing, coordinating chairman of the many workshops members use to create the unique and beautiful items sold at the boutique.

"We have added many new items to our traditional selection including table top trees and many new tree ornaments," added cochairman Kitsy Howard. "We emphasize use of natural materials for all our items. This is one of our biggest fund-raisers of the year."

Proceeds from this annual sale are used for community projects including Flower Therapy at the local nursing facilities and continued beautification of Marion Village with the planting and maintenance of the town's window boxes.

Rochester Scout Collection

Rochester Boy Scout Troop 31 is collecting .05 recyclable cans/bottles and old cell phones. Anyone who would like to donate can call 774-271-1681 to arrange a pickup of bags of cans/bottles. Old cell phones can also be dropped off at Bev Loves Books, located at 565 Roundseville Road in Rochester.

Mini Nutcracker Ballet

Bring the entire family on a magical journey to a land of action and drama, as the New Bedford Youth Ballet presents *The Mini-Nutcracker* on the stage of the Alves Theater of the New Bedford Ballet. Since the original 1892 staging of the *The Nutcracker* to the music of Ilych Tchaikovsky, this timeless story has become a holiday tradition for audiences all over the world.

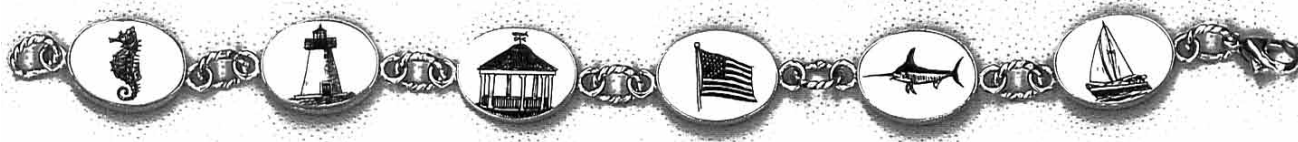
The Youth Ballet's production is a unique, shortened version with narration, making it ideal for younger children. Bring the whole family to see life-size dolls, meet Drosselmeier, watch the Nutcracker fight the Mouse Queen, and join Clara as she visits the enchanting Land of Sweets.

Performance dates and times are Saturday, December 6 at 6:30 and 8:00 pm; Sunday, December 7 at 1:30 and 3:00 pm; Friday, December 12 at 6:30 and 8:00 pm; Saturday, December 13 at 1:30 and 3:00 pm; and Sunday, December 14 at 1:30 and 3:00 pm.

The audience is invited to enjoy refreshments and meet the dancers after the 3:00 pm performances. Ticket are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors, students and children. Girl and Boy Scout troops are offered discounted rates for the performances.

The Mini-Nutcracker is generously sponsored by Clean Uniforms and More. New Bedford Ballet is a non-profit organization. Each year they grant numerous scholarships and given thousands of area school chil-

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Log highlights Nov. 16 - Nov. 22, 2008:

- Delano Road – officer wanted
- Olde Knoll Road – officer wanted
- South Street – officer wanted
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Spring Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Oakdale Avenue – suspicious activity
- Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Point Road – breaking and entering/past
- Brookhaven Lane – breaking and entering/past
- Point Road – officer wanted
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Spring Street – fraud
- Converse Road – suspicious person
- Front Street – assist other police department
- Spring Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage
- Route 195 East – assist other police department
- Wareham Road – adult arrest (operating under the influence of liquor, possession of open container of alcohol, marked lanes violation)
- Route 195 West – adult arrest (operating under the influence of liquor, speeding)
- Main Street – animal complaint.

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Nov. 16 - Nov. 22, 2008:

- Industrial Drive – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mattapoisett Neck Road – stolen property
- County Road – property returned
- Uncas Way – suspicious motor vehicle
- Martha's Way – civil complaint
- Ned's Point Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- North Street – motor vehicle accident
- Brandt Island Road – missing person
- Brandt Island Road – motor vehicle theft
- Park Street – burglary/breaking and entering into structure
- Aucoot Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Winter Hill Road – suspicious persons
- Long Plain Road – animal complaint
- Plaza Way – ambulance/mutual aid
- Marion Road – suspicious persons
- County Road – domestic disturbance
- County Road – motor vehicle accident
- River Road – gunshots reported
- Route 195 East – safety/road hazard
- Water Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Acushnet Road – burglar alarm
- Marion Road – suspicious persons
- Homestead Court – ambulance request
- Old Brandt Island Road – animal complaint
- Greenbough Drive – ambulance request
- County Road – burglar alarm.

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Nov.

- 17 - Nov. 25, 2008:*
- Pierce Street – breaking and entering into motor vehicle
 - Constitution Way – burglar alarm
 - Rounseville Road – animal complaint
 - Hiller Road – breaking and entering
 - Dexter Lane – suspicious activity
 - High Street – larceny/forgery/fraud
 - Cranberry Highway – suspicious motor vehicle
 - Rounseville Road – motor vehicle accident
 - Earls Court – civil complaint
 - Mendell Road – suspicious motor vehicle
 - Mary's Pond Road – suspicious person
 - Vaughan Hill Road – suspicious activity
 - Dexter Lane – officer wanted
 - Mary's Pond Road – erratic operation of motor vehicle
 - Neck Road – animal complaint
 - Cranberry Highway – larceny/forgery/fraud
 - Pine Street – suspicious motor vehicle
 - North Avenue – brush fire
 - Negus Way – suspicious motor vehicle
 - Spruce Street – suspicious motor vehicle
 - Jason's Lane – officer wanted
 - Dexter Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
 - Pierce Street – trespassing.



LOCAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, December 1: Chicken fajita, bell peppers, onions, Spanish rice, pita bread, mandarin oranges in light syrup.

Tuesday, December 2: Meatballs with spaghetti, Italian bread, whole wheat bread, butterscotch pudding, sugar-free pudding.

Wednesday, December 3: Cream of carrot soup, crumb baked chicken, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, fresh apple.

Thursday, December 4: Beef burgundy with buttered noodles, corn, white bread, pineapple in light syrup.

Friday, December 5: Crunchy

fish, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat bread, fig bar, cookie.

MATTAPOISETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, December 1: French toast stick, syrup, light sausage, juice, milk.

Tuesday, December 2: Chicken tenders, French fries, vegetable, fruit.

Wednesday, December 3: Spaghetti with/without meat sauce, vegetable, bread stick, fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 4: Taco with all the fixings, rice, fruit, milk.

Friday, December 5: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, milk.

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, December 1: Cheeseburger, fries, peas, peaches.

Tuesday, December 2: Toasted ham and cheese, green beans, kale soup, pears.

Wednesday, December 3: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, corn, pineapples.

Thursday, December 4: Spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, mixed fruit.

Friday, December 5: Pizza, chips, veggie sticks, mixed fruit.

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, December 1: Chicken pattie on a roll, fries, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, December 2: Steak and cheese, chips, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 3: Shepherd's pie (hamburg, mashed potato, corn and gravy), fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 4: Egg, sausage and cheese on an English muffin, hash brown, apples, milk.

Friday, December 5: KFC-like chicken, mashed potato, vegetable, fruit, milk.

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Monday, December 1: Steak and cheese sub, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, December 2: Chicken tenders, French fries, vegetable, fruit.

Wednesday, December 3: Spaghetti with meat sauce, vegetable, bread stick, fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 4: Taco with all the fixings, rice, fruit, milk.

Friday, December 5: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, milk.

SIPPICAN SCHOOL, MARION

Monday, December 1: French toast stick, syrup, light sausage, juice, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, December 2: Taco with all the fixings, rice, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 3: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, milk.

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9:30 AM – First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM – Physician's Focus
11:30 AM – White House Chronicles
12:00 PM – The Jeff Perry Report
12:30 PM – Cancer Story
1:00 PM – The Dr. Is In
2:00 PM – Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM – First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM – The New Testament Church of Cedarville
6:00 PM – Rochester COA Monthly
7:00 PM – Sippican Historical Society – The Stone Estate
9:00 PM – Tri-Town PSA's
12:00 AM – Midnight Movie

Monday Dec. 1, 2008

Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM – Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Local Interest Programming
5:30 PM – White House

Chronicle
6:00 PM – Tri-Town Topics (Repeat – Not Live)
6:30 PM – Flu - What Can You Do?
7:00 PM – Creatively Speaking
8:00 PM – Army News Watch
8:30 PM – Physician's Focus
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Tuesday Dec. 2, 2008

Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – The Wanderer Presents
2:00 PM – Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Don Cuddy: Neighbor to Neighbor
5:00 PM – Rochester COA Monthly
7:00 PM – HomeFront
7:30 PM – Sharing Miracles
8:00 PM – Sippican Historical Society – The Stone Estate
9:00 PM – Tri-Town PSA's
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Wednesday Dec. 3, 2008

Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM – Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Local Interest Programs
3:30 PM – Tri-Town PSA's
5:30 PM – Ampersand
6:00 PM – Creatively

Speaking
6:30 PM – Flu - What Can You Do?
8:00 PM – Physician's Focus
9:00 PM – Ampersand
10:00 PM – Fox Robbins Business Show
10:30 PM – Army News Watch
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Thursday Dec. 4, 2008

Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM – Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Local Interest Programs
7:00 PM – Tri-Town Topics – (Repeat, not live)
8:00 PM – Cooking With Marie
8:30 PM – The Rock Star Stories
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Schilling Shockers
11:30 PM – Get Connected With Conn Jackson
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Schilling Shockers

Friday Dec. 5, 2008

Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM – Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Local Interest Programs
6:30 PM – Flu - What Can You Do?
7:00 PM – Fox Robbins Business Show

8:00 PM – Homefront
9:30 PM – Around BCC
11:00 PM – Ampersand
Midnight – Midnight Movie Double Feature

Saturday Dec. 6, 2008

8:00 AM to Noon – Classic Cartoon Festival
Noon – Don Cuddy: Neighbor to Neighbor
1:00 PM – U-Mass Dartmouth Football
5:00 PM – Tri-Town PSA's
8:00 PM – Cooking With Marie
8:30 PM – Rock Star Stories
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Schilling Shockers
11:30 PM – Get Connected With Conn Jackson
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Schilling Shockers

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6:30 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL Comcast Channel 18 Verizon Channel 37

Daily Schedule:

9:00 AM – Football vs. Seekonk
11:00 AM – Center School Famous Americans Report
1:00 PM – Suites and Sweets Concert
2:45 PM – John Abigail Adams Scholarship Recipients
3:00 PM – Illuminated Manuscripts
3:30 PM – Sippican School Vocabulary Day
4:30 PM – ORRHs Night of Jazz
6:00 PM – ORRJHS Talent Show
7:30 PM – ORR Walking Tour
8:30 – Green Architecture
9:00 PM – Football vs. Seekonk



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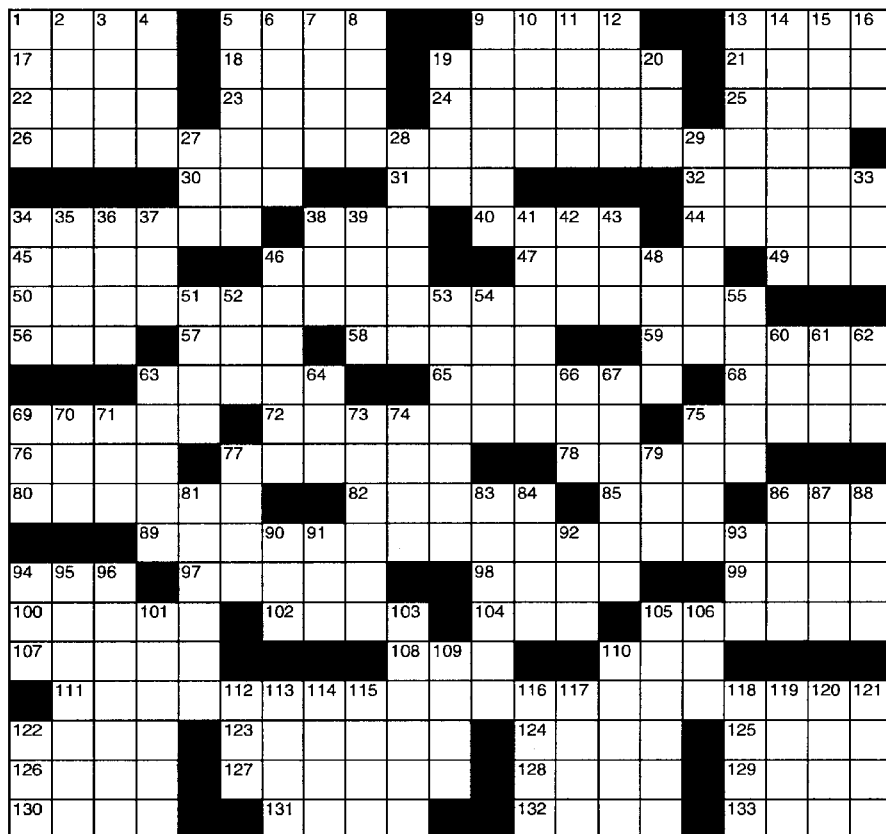
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A project benefits from your organizational skills that get it up and running. Your success leaves a highly favorable impression. Don't be surprised if you get some positive feedback soon.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Spend time on practical matters through the end of the week. Then begin shifting your focus to more-artistic pursuits. Resist being overly self-critical. Just allow yourself to feel free to create.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Restarting those creative projects you had set aside for a while will help provide a much-needed soothing balance to your hectic life. Besides, it will be like meeting old friends again.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change in plans could make it tough to keep a commitment. But stay with it. You'll get an A-plus for making the effort to do what's right and not taking the easy way out by running off.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Lion's enthusiasm for a workplace policy review is admirable. But be sure you know who is really behind the resistance to change before pointing your finger at the wrong person.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You can expect to have to do a lot of work through mid-week. Devote the rest of the week to checking your holiday plans in case some need to be adjusted to accommodate changes.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Try to avoid signing on the dotted line in the early part of the week. You need time to study issues that weren't fully explored. Later in the week might be more favorable for decision-making.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A new development could snarl travel schedules or other holiday-linked projects. Some flexibility might be called for to deal with the problems before they get too far out of hand.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Relatives seek your advice on a matter you'd rather not be involved in. If so, use that sage Sagittarian tact to decline the "offer," so that no one's feelings are needlessly hurt.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A shift in planning direction might help you speed up your progress toward achieving that long-planned goal. Trusted colleagues are ready to offer some valuable support.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unexpected demand for settlement of an old loan could create some pre-holiday anxiety. But you might not really owe it. Check your records thoroughly before remitting payment.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to get into the social swim and enjoy some well-earned fun and games with those closest to you before you have to resume more serious activities next week.

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The COA is also looking for a few good cutters with extra time to cut up coupons from the newspapers and advertisements. The suggestion was made recently to start a coupon file to have on hand in the lobby for those who could make use of the coupon discounts, particularly during these tough financial times! They need cutters, a person to file the coupons and make sure they are current and ads/newspapers to cut up. Lots of hands would make light work of this effort.

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All trees are located at the intersection of North Street and Crystal Spring Road, a designated Scenic way in the Town. Planning Board 11/27, 12/04</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER-BOARD OF APPEALS #973 The Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on December 11, 2008, 7:45 PM, on the petition of Willy Garcia, 237 Vaughan Hill Road, who is requesting an amendment to the decision granted on August 9, 2007, allowing a garage larger than 1,000 square feet in the rear yard area. This hearing is due to site re-evaluation for the presence of wetlands as defined by Massachusetts Wetlands Protect Act. Richard J. Manning, Jr., Chairman 11/27, 12/04</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE The Marion Community Preservation Committee will hold a public hearing on December 16, 2008 at 5:30 PM in the Conference Room, Marion Town Hall, Spring St. Marion. The purpose of the hearing is to review and discuss the 2009 CPC plan and application process for estimated FY 2010 CPA funds. Loretta B. Schaefer, CPC Chairman 11/27, 12/04</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER-BOARD OF APPEALS #972 The Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on the petition of Saltonstall Architects, Covanta of SEMASS owner, 141 Cranberry Highway, who is seeking a variance under section IV.B. to allow construction of a Renewable Fuel Pilot Facility 45 feet above grade. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2008, 7:30 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room. Richard J. Manning, Jr., Chairman 11/20.,11/27</p> <hr/> | <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN The Rochester Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing on December 8, 2008, 7:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall regarding the application of Rochester Golf Club, Inc., 323 Rounseville Road, Rochester, Stuart Tallman, Manager. Petitioner is seeking a license for the sale of wines and malt beverages at any location on the grounds of the golf course as the Board deems reasonable and proper; and for a change of designation from "Club" to "Restaurant." Richard D. Nunes, Chairman Dan McGaffey Bradford N. Morse 11/27</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN The Rochester Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing on December 8, 2008, 7:45 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall regarding the application of Matthew P. Gurney d/b/a Matt's Blackboard Restaurant and Catering, Matthew P. Gurney, Manager, who is seeking a Restaurant License to serve wine and malt beverages at the 565 Rounseville Road. Richard D. Nunes, Chairman Dan A. McGaffey Bradford N. Morse 11/27</p> <hr/> <p>SPORTS QUIZ By Chris Richcreek</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arizona's Brandon Webb set a record in 2006 for the lowest total of victories by a starting pitcher for a Cy Young Award winner in a full season (16). Who had held the mark? 2. Who was the last New York Yankee before Alex Rodriguez (2005, '07) to be named the American League Most Valuable Player? 3. Name the head coach the last time the Buffalo Bills made the NFL playoffs. 4. In 2007, Eastern Washington's Rodney Stuckey became the second Big Sky Conference player to be taken in the first round of the NBA Draft. Who was the first? 5. Who won the first Lester B. Pearson Award as the most outstanding player in the NHL in 1971? 6. How long was the reign of Russian chess champions before U.S. star Bobby Fischer won the world title in 1972? 7. When Muhammad Ali returned to boxing in 1970, his first loss was to Joe Frazier in 1971. To whom was his second loss? <p>Answers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pedro Martinez in 1997 and Randy Johnson in 1999, each with 17 victories. Rick Sutcliffe had 16 wins for the Chicago Cubs in 1984, but also had four wins for Cleveland that year. 2. Don Mattingly in 1985. 3. Wade Phillips in the 1999 season. 4. Montana's Micheal Ray Richardson in 1978. 5. Boston's Phil Esposito. 6. Twenty-four years (1948-1972). 7. Ken Norton, in 1973. <p>(c) 2008 King Features Synd., Inc.</p> |

• **Stepping and Stretching:** Join the Rochester COA on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm, for a fun-filled hour of easy exercise bending and stretching and building up your strength and improving your balance! Most exercises are done from the comfort of your chair! This program is designed to improve physical conditioning, decrease risk of falling and improve health, memory, mood, balance, bone density, flexibility and endurance. You go at your own pace. This program is made possible through a grant from Coastline Elderly Services, Inc. Donations are appreciated.

• **Moving With the Oldies:** This upbeat exercise class offers a low impact, moderate level cardio workout, followed by a dose of muscle toning and stretching to some of your favorite oldie tunes. Instructor Clare Hartford offers classes on Wednesday and Friday and the time is 9:00 to 10:00 am. Donation \$4 per person.

• **SHINE Program:** SHINE is a program to assist seniors with their health insurance, Medicare and prescription coverage. Our state certified SHINE counselors, Jill Bodeau and Gordon Helm, will assist any senior at no cost with any insurance issue, private group plans, as well as Medicare and Mass Health. Please call the Senior Center to make an appointment to meet one-on-one with one of the counselors.

• **Bingo:** Feeling Lucky? Why not try your luck at the Rochester COA's weekly Bingo game at the Senior Center? The crowd is building. It is held on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3:30 pm with refreshment break. They play by the Senior Citizen Recreational Bingo Massachusetts laws. Cost is 50 cents per card with no card limit and 25 cents a game. All money collected will be given in prizes that afternoon. Anyone is welcome to come!

• **Computer Classes** will resume with instructor Charles Tate on Mondays at 1:00 pm. However, feel free to stop in at any time to use the computers at your leisure. They are all hooked up to the internet and the printer for you use.

• **Large Print Library Books:** The Plumb Library has brought a large print collection of library books at the Senior Center. Anyone who would like to sign out one of these books is welcome to do so. If you want to read a

book, please sign it out in the book and sign in when you return it.

• **Scrabble Anyone?** The Rochester COA has had requests lately for Scrabble Games. Please join them on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am for Scrabble. As long as two people show up, they can start. Hopefully, there's enough interest to offer several games of scrabble at once. Hope to see you there!

• **Wii Games at the Senior Center:** Join the Rochester COA on Thursday afternoons for a game of Wii Sports. They have all the equipment and will show you how to use it. You can play in teams or play by yourself. Enjoy billiards, bowling, baseball, tennis, basketball or golf. Wii sports games offer low-impact exercise with a full range of motion that's similar to tai-chi or chair aerobics.

• **Web site Volunteer:** A volunteer is needed to take charge of updating the Rochester Senior Center web site each month by posting the monthly newsletter, photos and events and other updated items. If you have the computer savvy and the time and interest to help, please contact Sharon Lally at the Rochester Senior Center.

• **Soup and Sandwich Returns:** Now that cooler weather is here, the Soup and Sandwich Luncheon returns to the Senior Center for all who wish to enjoy. Your requests and suggestions are welcome. Served at 12:00 noon, just sign up in advance so that we have enough food for all. There is no charge for the meal, but a sug-



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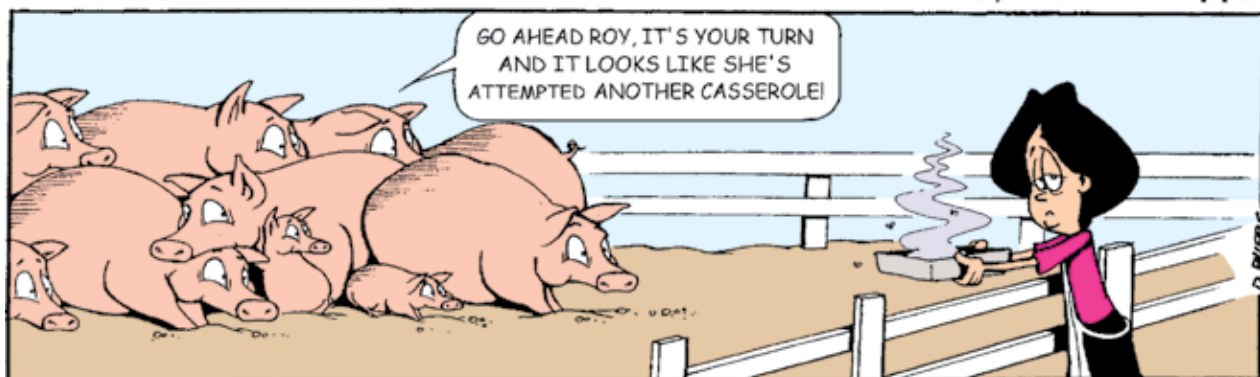
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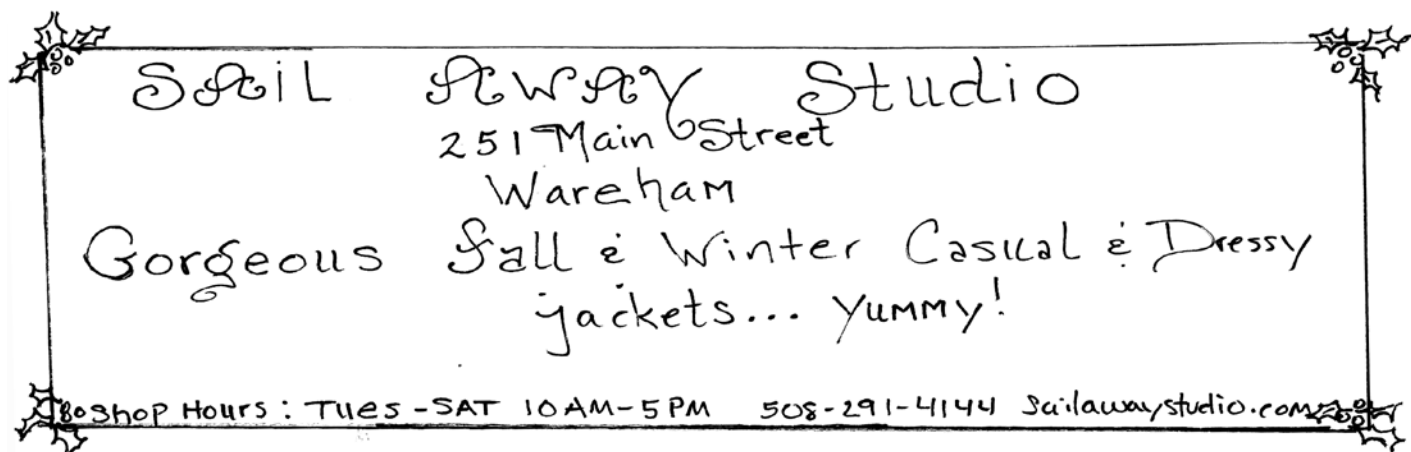
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The December meeting of the Rochester Women's Club will be held on Wednesday, December 3 at 6:00 pm at 37 Marion Road in Rochester. The club will be enjoying their annual Christmas Party. This year they will feast on a Pot Luck Dinner. The main entree will be provided. Please call Nancy at 508-654-6621 to find out what is needed to complete the menu. They will need vegetables, salads and desserts. Drinks will also be provided. Please bring along a Christmas tree ornament to swap at the Yankee swap.

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Remember to check The Wanderer each week so you will know who to wish a "Happy Birthday!"

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The concert will be performed on Friday, December 5 at 8:00 pm at the Grace Episcopal Church, County Street, New Bedford; and again on Sunday, December 7 at 4:00 pm at Wickenden Chapel, Tabor Academy, Front Street, Marion.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$5 for students, and are available at the Bookstall in Marion, Baker Books in Dartmouth, the Seaport Village Shoppe in Mattapoisett, and at the door.

Marion Holiday House Tour

With a theme of "Sailing Into the Holidays," the ladies of the Sippican Woman's Club, a non-profit organization, will present their 22nd Annual Holiday House Tour and Tea from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, December 13, rain or shine.

Participants will exchange their ticket for a brochure and tour map at Coldwell Banker Real Estate office located at 150 Front Street, which is right next to Handy's Tavern. Begin your memorable tour adventure at Handy's Tavern, 152 Front Street in Marion. Handy's Tavern is owned by the Sippican Woman's Club and serves as its clubhouse.

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Afternoon tea at Saint Gabriel's Church from 2:00 to 4:00 pm is included in the ticket price.

A hot holiday luncheon will be offered from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the First Congregational Church Community Center for \$8.50. Reservations are advised by calling 508-748-1053.

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Tickets for the tour cost \$17 in advance and are available at the Marion General Store and the Bookstall, in Marion, or Isabelle's in Mattapoissett. You may also send a self-addressed envelope along with your check payable to the Sippican Woman's Club, P.O. Box 121, Marion, MA 02738. Tickets may be purchased for \$20 on the day of the tour at the Coldwell Banker Real Estate office or at The

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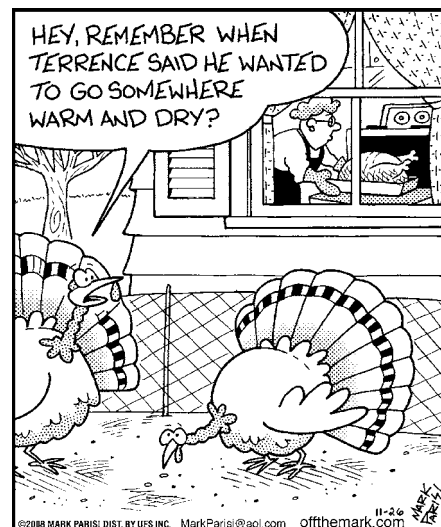
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- **Kids Night Out:** The Mattapoisett YMCA turns into a special place for "kids only" programs that are fun and engaging. Children ages 6-12 will have dinner and then enjoy special theme activities. This program is offered on Friday nights, December 5, 12 and 19. It begins at 6:15 pm and all children must be picked up by 9:30 pm. The cost is just \$8 for members and \$10 for guests (registration is required).

- **Christmas Tree Lighting:** The Mattapoisett YMCA will be celebrating the start of the holiday season with the annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Tuesday, December 9. Families are welcome to come to the YMCA to have their picture taken with Santa, bring an ornament for the tree, make a special holiday craft and enjoy meatball sandwiches and salad. The cost is only \$5 per person and families are encouraged to bring a dessert to share. The event begins at 6:00 pm and registration is required. Proceeds raised from this event will support YMCA Southcoast's Annual Scholarship Fund, which provides financial assistance to those in the community who are unable to afford the cost of YMCA memberships, programs and camps.

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• **Santa's Workshop:** On Saturday, December 13, the Mattapoisett YMCA will be turned into Santa's Workshop! Families are welcome to come and enjoy a pancake breakfast, have pictures taken with Santa and make several different holiday crafts, including "gingerbread" houses! Breakfast will be served from 9:00-11:00 am, with crafts going on from 9:00-11:30 am. The cost is only \$5 per person and registration is required. Proceeds raised from this event will support YMCA Southcoast's Annual Scholarship Fund, which provides financial assistance to those in the community who are unable to afford the cost of YMCA memberships, programs and camps.

For more information and to register for any of these programs, please call or visit the Mattapoisett YMCA, located at 38 Reservation Road in Mattapoisett. The phone number is 508-758-4203.

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Shopping Trips

Please note a change in the grocery store trips: Every other Wednesday to Price Rite in New Bedford and the alternate Wednesdays to Shaw's in Wareham. The van will continue to go to "The Marts" in Fairhaven the first Friday of the month.

The van will be providing transportation to

Damien's Pantry in Wareham on Saturday, November 29.
Shopping Trip

On Thursday, December 11 there will be a trip to Hyannis Mall and the Christmas Tree Shop. (Note change of location.) Please call to reserve your spot on the van.

Monthly Speaker

Please note the monthly speaker series in December will be at 7:00 pm. This is a time change for December only. The topic will be: "Health Plan Options When You Retire" and will be held at the Elizabeth Taber Library on Wednesday, December 3.



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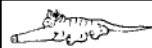
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| November 28: | Fri. | 7:58 | 8:15 | 12:45 | 1:43 |
| November 29: | Sat. | 8:35 | 8:53 | 1:26 | 2:22 |
| November 30: | Sun. | 9:13 | 9:34 | 2:07 | 3:02 |
| December 1: | Mon. | 9:51 | 10:16 | 2:48 | 3:40 |
| December 2: | Tues. | 10:32 | 11:01 | 3:29 | 4:20 |
| December 3: | Wed. | 11:16 | 11:47 | 4:11 | 5:01 |
| December 4: | Thurs. | ... | 12:03 | 4:59 | 5:48 |
| December 5: | Fri. | 12:35 | 12:53 | 5:58 | 6:42 |
| December 6: | Sat. | 1:25 | 1:47 | 7:14 | 7:41 |
| December 7: | Sun. | 2:18 | 2:45 | 8:34 | 8:36 |
| December 8: | Mon. | 3:16 | 3:37 | 9:38 | 9:27 |
| December 9: | Tues. | 4:15 | 4:46 | 10:33 | 10:17 |
| December 10: | Wed. | 5:12 | 5:42 | 11:27 | 11:07 |
| December 11: | Thurs. | 6:08 | 6:36 | ... | 12:21 |
| December 12: | Fri. | 7:01 | 7:28 | 12:08 | 1:16 |
| December 13: | Sat. | 7:54 | 8:21 | 12:51 | 2:10 |
| December 14: | Sun. | 8:47 | 9:15 | 1:45 | 3:03 |

**Phases
of the
Moon**

New Moon
First Quarter
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Last Quarter

November 27th
December 5th
December 12th
December 19th

off the mark by Mark Parisi



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